



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, Thursday August 18, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Please read Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provision of Open Meeting Law for more information regarding virtual public hearings and meetings: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Present: Commission Co-chairs Susan Ryan-Vollmar and Lisa Krinsky, Commissioners: Molly Gillis, Kari Sasportis, Helene Newberg, Andy Robinson

Liaisons: Marcy Shapiro-Ide (Council on Aging), Len Diggins (Select Board)

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

1. Review of remote Participation Guidelines
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and approval of July 2022 Minutes
4. Discussion of correspondence
 - a. SRV notes that School Committee has been in touch about nominating a candidate to the LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission.
5. Discussion of composition of Rainbow Commission
 - a. SRV notes that there are at least two viable candidates for open positions on the Commission. LK notes that some Commissioners' terms are expiring, and we need to know if people are interested in extending their terms.
6. APD Update

- a. Chief Flaherty update on lawsuit against town and APD. Chief Flaherty was not able to attend the meeting. SRV gave an update on the lawsuit based on information Chief Flaherty had shared during a prior meeting with the co-chairs of the town's DEI commissions (LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission, Disability Commission, and HRC Commission)
- 7. Working Group and Liaison Updates
 - a. Council on Aging update from Marci Shapiro-Ide
 - i. LGBTQIA+ seniors and friends group is going strong with a mix of in-person and online meetings. Recently had an in-person meeting that six people attended. Planning a Halloween party. Planning November SAGE Table event. Also planning for fall flu clinics.
 - b. Library. No library representative was present, so Marci gave a brief update on recent Reel Queer movie night at the library. About five people attended.
 - c. Select Board. Select Board Chair Len Diggins says that Select Board member Eric Helmuth will be replacing him as the liaison to the Rainbow Commission. LD also says that Select Board has been very busy organizing for Town Day, the first Town Day that will be held since 2019.
 - d. Community Engagement – AR says that he is creating a master document on how to run the Pride Festival so we are not re-inventing the wheel each year. AR mentions possibility of painting a permanent rainbow crosswalk that would be colorful year round. AR asks commissioners to sign up for a volunteer slot for upcoming Town Day on September 17. AR and LK discuss need for name tags for Commissioners at events.
- 8. Public Engagement and Open Commentary – none.
- 9. Close Meeting: AR moved to adjourn, LK second.

Next Meeting. **Thursday September 15, 2022.**